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FOR SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, MARR, SA
SUBJECT: SAUDI ARMS DELIVERY SCHEDULES

REF: A) STATE 253183; B) JIDDA 7078

1. GENERAL AHMAN, CHIEF OF THE MILITARY MISSION, WAS GIVEN A COPY OF ATHERTON'S LETTER OF SEPT 22 TO ELLSWORTH WHEN HE WAS AT THE PENTAGON FOR CONSULTATION IN EARLY OCT. AS THERE WERE GLARING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE LETTER AND WHAT THE SAUDIS UNDERSTOOD SECRETARY KISSINGER TO HAVE PROMISED THEM, I ORDERED GENERAL AHMANN NOT RPT NOT TO DISCUSS THE LETTER WITH ANY SAUDI UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE UNTIL WE HAD RECEIVED CLARIFICATION.

2. REF B WAS SENT AFTER WE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE ATHERTON LETTER VIA TRANSMITTAL SLIP FROM DICKMAN.

3. YOUR SUGGESTION TO SEND HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO DISUCSS THIS MATTER WITH SAG IS EXCELLENT. TO HAVE MAXIMUM EFFECT I BELIEVE THE MISSION SHOULD INCLUDE SOMEONE (I.E. YOU OR ATHERTON) WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH THE SAUDIS. IN ANY CASE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS CONFUSION BE CLEARED UP BEFORE THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISION MEETS.

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4. I EXPECT TO SEE SULTAN TOMORROW. I UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT HE IS CONCERNED WITH THE REPORTS HE HAS READ THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO MAKE MILITARY SALES TO EGYPT UNTIL AFTER 1977 AND WILL RAISE THIS. I EXPECT HE WILL ALSO ASK WHEN HE CAN EXPECT AN ANSWER TO HIS LETTER OF SEPT 17.

5. IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF I COULD TELL HIM THAT A HIGH-LEVEL GROUP WILL BE COMING TO SAUDI ARABIA SOON TO DISUCSS EITHER OR PREFERABLY BOTH SUBJECTS BUT WILL, OF COURSE, NOT DO SO UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY COB WASHINGTON TIME TODAY (OCT 25).
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